



# Merry Christmas



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### Briefs

#### Drive carefully during holidays

An estimated 36 people may be killed in traffic accidents in North Carolina over the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends and approximately 2,000 injured, according to the N.C. State Motor Club.

The Christmas holiday officially begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 and ends at midnight Monday, Dec. 25. The New Year's holiday begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29 and ends at midnight Mon., Jan. 1.

Last year 46 persons were killed and 2,732 injured over the two official holidays weekends, while 37 were killed and 2,464 were injured in 1987 over a similar period.

The Christmas and New Year's holiday period traditionally is a time of family reunions, friendly gatherings and good cheer. The holiday tradition also holds that an increase in the number of serious injuries and fatalities on the roadways will occur.

"The holiday season is a joyful time of year, a cause for celebration," Dr. John G. Frazier, III, president of the statewide motor club said. "People enjoy the many parties and get together and alcohol consumption often figures prominently at these gatherings," he added. "This is a particularly appropriate time to focus our attention on the critical problem of drinking drivers. The drinking driver has no place on our highways, especially during the festive holiday season."

"All drivers are urged not to drink and drive. If in a group, designate one person to refrain from drinking and drive the others home safely."

"Law enforcement officers get tough when it comes to DWI," Frazier said. "Police roadblocks and checkpoints are one of the most effective means keeping the drunken driver off the road and can be expected this holiday season", he added.

Motorists are also urged to re-double their efforts to obey all speed limits, avoid peak periods and travel during the non rush hours if at all possible.

"Don't forget to buckle your seat belt," Frazier stated. "It's the best life-saving device available to the motoring public."

The most recent study by the University of N. C. Highway Safety Research Center revealed seat belt usage in North Carolina hovers around 60 percent, one of the highest in the nation. "Let's make it even higher," Frazier urged.

To date the North Carolina death toll stands at 1,371 which is 126 less than at this same time last year.

Make this a safe and happy time by driving carefully.

#### Jaycees will sponsor blood drive Dec. 28

The Perquimans Jaycees will sponsor an American Red Cross Bloodmobile on Thursday, Dec. 28 at the Perquimans County Senior Center from 3-7 p.m.

Blood supplies are always low around the holidays, and the Jaycees and the Red Cross are asking that all who are healthy attempt to donate.

After several bloodmobiles with poor turn-out, the Jaycees hosted a successful blood drive in September, registering about 80 people who attempted to donate.

Please make to give the gift of life.



Photo by Beth Finney

The Newbold-White House was dressed simply with greenery, candles, herbs and other period decorations during the open house held Sunday. Visitors enjoyed touring the home and snacking on mulled cider and cookies, also reminiscent of the period.

### Newbold-White House dressed for the holidays last Sunday

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The Perquimans County Restoration Association held an open house Sunday at the historic Newbold-White House in Hertford. The house was open to the public from 3-7 p.m., and refreshments were served at the Visitor's Center.

Site manager Steve Allen gave everyone a tour of the Newbold-White House, which was decorated for Christmas. Allen made all the decorations.

Lucille Winslow, president of the restoration association, decorated the Visitor's Center with plants from her yard. She also made an assortment of Christmas cookies and some hot apple cider.

Members of the association were on hand to discuss the history of the house and the area. The New-

bold-White House is the oldest house in North Carolina and was built about 1684. It is also the oldest surviving seat of local government in the state and served in 1696 and 1697 as a meeting place for the governor, the governor's council, the general court and other governmental bodies.

The open house provided an opportunity for anyone interested to see the house for free. There is usually a \$2 fee to tour the Newbold-White House.

Frances Rood of Hertford was one of the visitors Sunday. "I gave the Newbold-White House its first gift," she said, which was a 17th century sterling silver spoon. Rood is a descendent of Joseph Scott, the presumed builder of the house.

### Pirates scrape by Bruins in overtime

#### Boone hits two at buzzer

The Camden Bruins learned a lesson in Perquimans High's gym last Tuesday night: The Pirates may have been down, but they were far from being out.

Camden went into the game undefeated and had soundly whipped the Pirates, 77-60, the Friday night before. The underdog Perquimans team was 0-3 and had been outscored in their first three outings, 232-183. But that didn't mean Roger Burgess' struggling young team didn't have the right stuff. And they proved that they do to a shocked Camden team.

With nine seconds left on the overtime clock, the score was 49-48. Coach Burgess had a time-out called to consult with a nervous Pirate squad. The final shot had to be a good one.

"We were looking to go down inside (Arthur) Felton," Burgess said. "We wanted to have him post up, but if it wasn't there, we wanted whoever was open to get the shot."

Felton wasn't open, but Josh Boone was. And with two seconds left, he got an opening, took a pass from Larry Billups, and sunk a jump shot as the buzzer sounded to give the Pirate team their first victory, 50-48.

"Pandemonium" describes the scene that followed, as teammates, cheerleaders and fans poured onto the floor to celebrate with the victorious Pirates, and congratulate Boone on his shot.

"I was open on the play and I saw Larry looking at me," said Boone, who is known more for his concentration and ball-handling ability than for his scoring. "I just threw it in. I was off balance, but I had a good shot."

One can imagine that Boone has seen the ball drop into the hoop, heard the fans screaming and felt the sense of accomplishment over and over in his mind. That final shot is the kind about which every basketball player dreams.

The game was hard-fought. At the end of the first quarter, the score was knotted, 10-all. Camden came out strong in the second, easily outscoring the Pirates, 11-2.

Being down at the half didn't halt the Pirates' determination. In the locker room, Burgess pumped up his players. "Basically, I told them to keep doing what they were doing in the first half," Burgess said. "We were executing well enough that once the shots started falling I thought we'd be O.K."

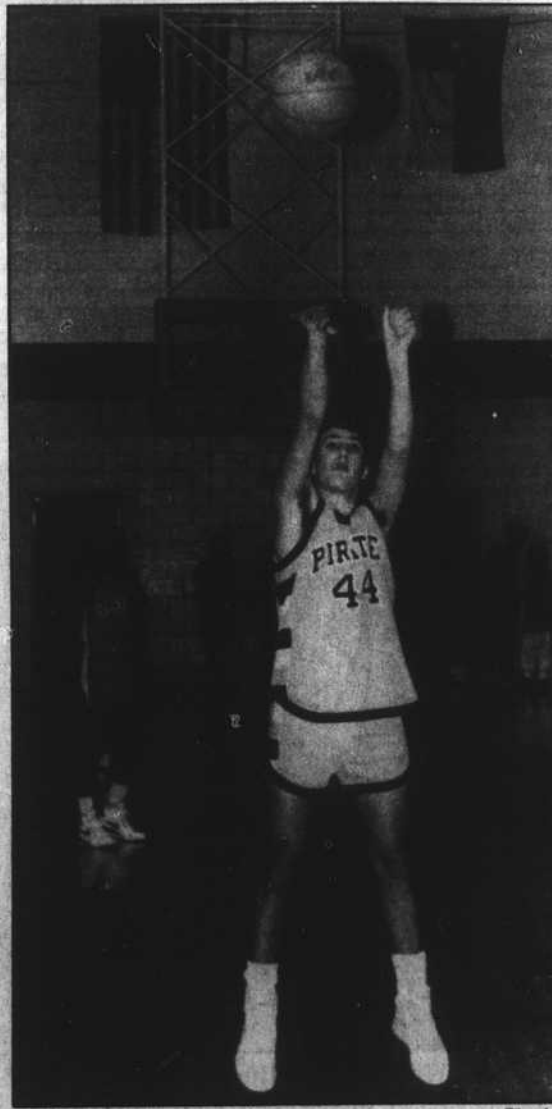
Burgess was right. The Pirates came back in the third period, ending it behind by only two points. With just 2:13 remaining in regulation time, Felton, who has been the spark of this year's Pirate team, sunk two of his 9-of-10 successful free throws to tie the game at 44-44.

Meanwhile, the Bruins' luck was going the other way. They failed to score in the last three minutes of play. Terrence Bogues missed a free throw in the last five seconds of regulation play that could have nailed the Pirates' coffin shut.

Teamwork brought the Pirates to victory. Although Felton and Boone will long be noted for their pivotal shots, it was the grit of the entire Pirate team that set the stage for the impressive come-from-behind win.

Felton scored 13, Rick Godfrey 12, Tim Fletcher eight, Ronald Coston seven, Boone six, Larry Billups two and Ruston Howell two.

A smiling Burgess said after the game, "It was a good team effort. If I had to single anyone out it would have to be Boone for that last shot. Tonight was the most he's played all year. He's not a great scorer but for someone who works as hard as he does, he de-



File photo

Josh Boone sunk the basket at the overtime buzzer that clinched the Pirates' first win. serves something like this."

#### Junior varsity

The varsity team wasn't dealt the only winning hand in the Camden games last Tuesday. The junior varsity squad got the ball rolling in the first of the three contests from which all three Perquimans teams emerged victorious.

After losing to Camden 63-42 the week before, the jayvees proved they could hold their own, taking down the Bruins 49-44.

Pirate stand-out Xavier Shannonhouse led the attack, shooting for 13 points and collecting five rebounds. Jan Spruill scored nine points and had five rebounds, Jeremy Ridlick eight points and three rebounds, Nakevor White seven points and 14 rebounds, Torris Johnson six points and four rebounds and Adam Perry two points and eight rebounds.

Coach Luther Overton felt the win was an important one for the Pirates, as they now know they can win. He looks forward to entering conference play in January, when he hopes most of the problems nagging the young Pirates will be ironed out.

See page six for a recap of the Lady Pirates' win over the Lady Bruins.

### Hertford youth drowns

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Harbinger—The body of a 16-year-old boy was pulled from a pond in southern Currituck County Friday morning.

The boy, identified as Gene Allen Upton II of Hertford, had apparently been hunting when he slipped into the pond and drowned, the Currituck sheriff's department reported.

Currituck sheriff Norm Newbern said that Upton, who lived in Hertford, was reported missing Thursday night. "He had really been missing since Wednesday night, the thirteenth," he said.

Robert Doyle, 32, was the last person to see Upton, Newbern said. The sheriff said Doyle has said that the two were drinking beer and smoking marijuana before they went hunting for deer. The two apparently shot a deer and were

looking for it when Upton slipped and fell into the pond, which Newbern said varies from three to 12 feet deep.

"(Doyle) said that he pulled Upton from the pond and left him on the bank while he went to get the car. When he got back about 20 minutes later, Upton was gone," Newbern said.

Sandy Sanderson of the Nags Head Rescue Squad was called in and asked to dive into the pond to locate the body. Sanderson retrieved the body at 11 a.m. Friday.

Newbern said that it was "mighty strange" that Upton fell into the pond a second time. No charges have been filed, but the State Bureau of Investigation is aiding the Currituck Sheriff's Department in the investigation.

The body has been sent to Greenville for official identification and for an autopsy, but Newbern quoted the state medical examiner as saying that Upton probably drowned.

### Seamon plants ideas for community development

"The opportunity is out there," Jesse Lee "Tony" Seamon, Jr. told Chamber of Commerce members and guests at the Chamber's annual banquet last week, speaking about business opportunities in Perquimans County. "It's here. It's around you," he added.

"Isn't it funny how people from somewhere else can come into an area and start a business," Seamon queried.

Seamon, who grew up working in his family's business, Tony's Sanitary Fish Market in Morehead City, is now a partner in Carolina-In-Touch, a marketing firm with offices in North Carolina and Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Seamon recommended that the Chamber sitj down and have a "think tank," a session where people could learn, think, explore and motivate each other to come up with ideas for potential new businesses in the area. "You must go out and get ideas, then put them into action," he said. He commented that the Chamber must identify what can be done to encourage economic growth.

He also suggested surveying to determine why people move here. Once you find out that, according to Seamon, you have a marketing team to attract others. "People like to move, but they move for a reason," he said.

He cited the county's greatest assets as the three rivers, the sound and the people.

"You want a new business?" Seamon asked. "Start recycling...because that will be the new business."

"If you don't have enough fish in your rivers, raise them," Seamon said, suggesting another possible business enterprise. "You can start a museum right here from your garbage dumps," he said, adding that sometimes business opportunity lurks in forgotten places.

Tourism is another avenue Seamon feels should be explored. He suggested working with Dare County to develop day tours to Perquimans County. "Your county is noted for a lot of first - your county more than any other county in this state," he said. And that could mean profit, as well as repeat tourism.

"You're a tourist here in Perquimans County only one time," he said. "The next time you come back, you come as a friend."

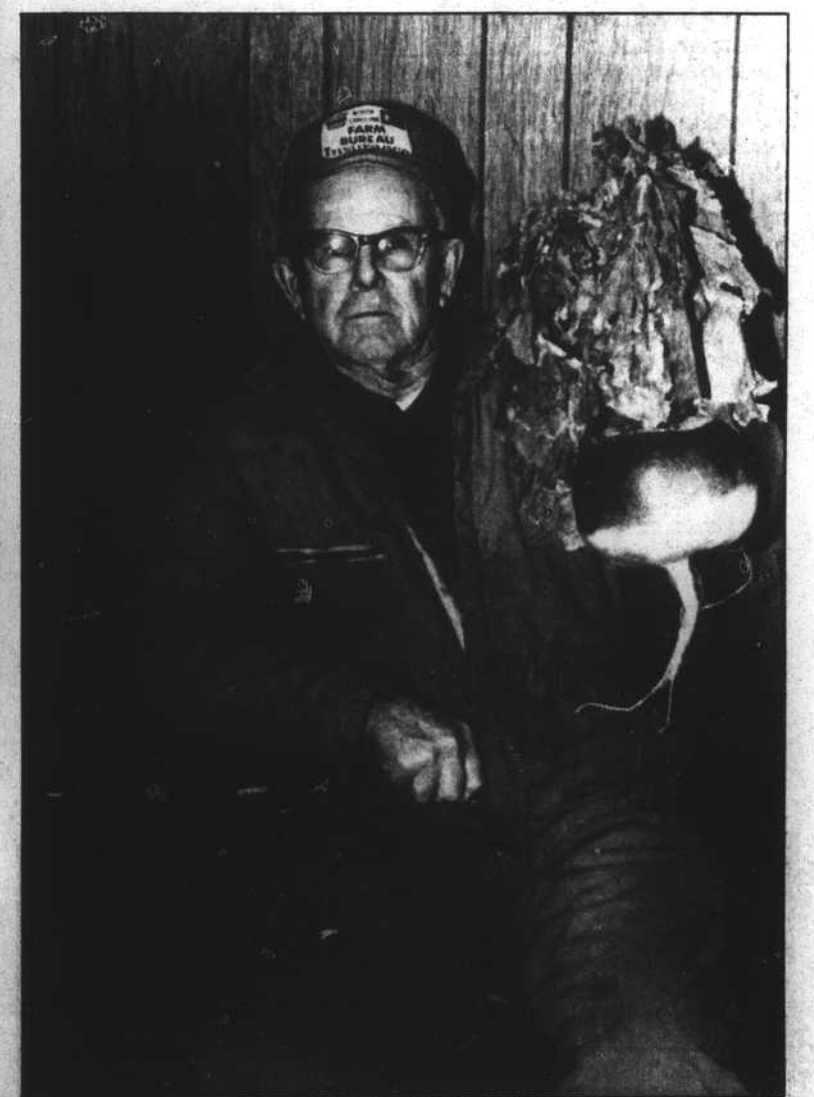
Seamon urged the Chamber to take an active role in the 1990 census to be certain that everyone is counted. He said the figures could be essential to planning for the future and soliciting government grants.

Involvement in education is also vital to a Chamber of Commerce, Seamon said.

Out-going president Ray Twine reported that the Chamber had sponsored three ribbon cuttings and the Indian Summer Festival during 1989. "We had a big Indian Summer Festival," he said. "It seemed to be a real good success."

Twine added that Chamber members are needed. "The more we get to push this wagon along, the faster it will move," he commented.

Twine handed the gavel over to Lewis Evans, who will serve as Chamber president for 1990.



#### Now that's a turnip!

J. Wesley Harrell grew this six-pound turnip in his Forestburg garden. Harrell said he enjoys working his garden, and that he's going to order some unusual seeds from a catalog to experiment. One item he'll be planting is popcorn that is put in the microwave on the ear, then eaten like corn on the cob. Do you think that's possible? We asked him to stop by The Perquimans Weekly to show us how that new-fangled popcorn works.



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